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SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

Sir:

Supplemental to the Preliminary Amendment of October 29, 1999, entry and
consideration of the following amendments are requested.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend the claims as follows.

25. (Twice Amended) Method of identifying molecules capable of modulating a cell
activity resulting from the activation of a KAR, characterized in that it comprises steps
involving:

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i. bringing of the candidate molecules into contact with molecules which adapt or carry out the activation of a KAR, as obtained by the method according to claim 24, and with a polypeptide according to claim 1, and

ii. selection of those candidate molecules which exert an effect on the binding between said polypeptides (or said polypeptide fragments) and said adapter of effector molecules, as observed in the absence of said candidate molecules.

REMARKS

Reconsideration is requested.

Claim 25 has been amended to reintroduce an inadvertent error in the Preliminary Amendment of October 29, 1999. An early and favorable Action on the merits is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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